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Applicant: Gruening, et al.

Examiner: Yong Soo Chung

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RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION

Sir:

In the Office Action dated October 12, 2006, the Examiner states that the Response filed on July 27, 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because Applicants have not made a proper species election for the single therapeutic agent.

Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect without traverse:

parabens as the single therapeutic agent from claim 46.

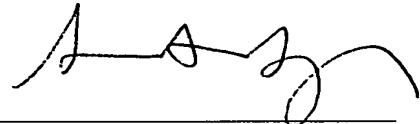
In view of the present election, it is believed that this application is in condition for further consideration and examination. If resolution of any remaining issues is required prior to examination of the application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below.

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Applicants do not believe that any fees are due. However, if any fees are due, please deduct such sum from Deposit Account No. 08-2461.

Respectfully submitted,



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